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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Satoshi NIYAMA, et al.

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FOR: LIQUID CRYSTAL OPTICAL ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR ITS PRODUCTION

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an **preliminary amendment** in the above-identified application.

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☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.

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INDEPENDENT	1	MINUS	3	0	x \$86 =	\$0.00
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Basis for the Amendment** begins on page 5 of this paper.